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City Council Salary Setting Commission Community Meetings

SAN JOSE, CA - The San José Council Salary Setting Commission will conduct community meetings to gather input from residents regarding changes to the way it sets salaries for the Mayor and City Council every two years. Currently, the Council Salary Setting Commission, appointed by the Civil Service Commission, meets in odd-numbered years to establish compensation for the City's elected officials. The Commission recommends possible compensation changes that the City Council must vote on, either to accept or reject the proposals.

In May 2007 the Commission recommended that the City Council consider ways to change the current system. The City Council's Rules and Open Government Committee recently requested that the Commission gather public input to determine if there is a better way to establish the salaries for the City's elected officials. The City Council is reviewing a number of potential Charter changes or other measures that could be placed on the November 2008 ballot. Community meetings to gather public input have been scheduled:

Day/Date	Time	Location
Monday, May 12	6:30 p.m.	Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library 3090 Alum Rock Avenue @ White Road
Thursday, May 15	6:30 p.m.	Edenvale Branch Library 101 Branham Lane East @ Monterey Highway
Monday, May 19	6:30 p.m.	Cambrian Branch Library 1780 Hillsdale Avenue near Ross Avenue

Following the meetings, the Commission will issue a report to the City Council regarding the information gathered. The Commission's report may recommend whether or not to pursue a possible Charter change and what changes, if any, should be proposed to San José voters.

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